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The U2 Affair**Agents Rendezvous At Va. Resort**

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The Alexander W. Parkers of Richmond had two unfamiliar guests for the Fourth of July weekend at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia.

They were a charming couple, Northerners, yes, but soft-spoken, with the manners of a gentleman and his lady. New faces were something of a rarity at "The Hot," as Virginia's First Families called their mountain resort, and the couple were the center of curiosity.

"Meet some old friends of mine," Parker said graciously as people stopped by his table in the dining room. He was a tall, distinguished and prosperous lawyer, much-traveled in the North and elsewhere. But the charming couple were not old friends. They had registered at the hotel under a pseudonym. They were agents of the CIA. They were there to talk about Francis Gary Powers.

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U2 SPY PLANE

come to a meeting of minds by the Fourth of July, when Mikoyan disclosed at an American Embassy celebration in Moscow that the pilot would have a public trial.

The Parkers returned the next day to Richmond to meet Barbara Powers. She had been trying to get to Moscow to see her husband and the CIA decided to put her under the Parkers' wing.

Barbara Follows Advice

Though a headstrong girl, Barbara followed the Parkers' advice, at least in the beginning. They were impressed by her intelligence but disturbed by what they thought was a lack of restraint. Barbara was impatient with the government's efforts on her behalf and bridled under the CIA's discipline.

She had never been close to her father-in-law, and now she

ing. Finally, they were to interrogate Powers on why he had not destroyed his plane according to plan.

The highest intelligence authorities in the United States government frankly did not know the answers to these questions. They had some electronic information which seemed to cast doubt on the Russian claim, but it was inconclusive.

Parker and Rogers arrived in Moscow with Barbara on Saturday, August 13, 12 hours after Oliver and Ida.

Barbara had been awake almost the entire way from New York. On the Sabena flight to Brussels, too tense to sleep, she talked the night through, over drinks, with Sam Jaffe, a CBS reporter. She had been thoroughly briefed by the CIA before leaving and a reporter did not fit the official definition of a permissible confidant. But Barbara was tired of the rules and Sam was easy to talk to.

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